

recover but I think it is a very fair amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Continue with the speaking list, Senator Remmers, do you care to speak to the Warner amendment? Senator Ashford, to the amendment? Senator Morehead, to the amendment?

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Speaker Barrett and members, I guess that the only point, and we were talking with Senator Warner right now, that I would want to make on this amendment is that it not only helps the smaller tracks, as Senator Warner pointed out, but it also, if the handles remain constant at what it is this year and still was the same in 1990, which, heaven forbid, I hope it isn't because that is the whole emphasis of simulcasting, and this bill, and everything else that we are doing, so we are going to hope that the handle goes up, it would additionally give Ak-Sar-Ben a break from whatever the 20 million figure is, in this case, difference between 20 and 5, it would be another \$15 million break on taxes to them as well as the small tracks. So for those you who are supporting it, you need to know that you are not only giving those small tracks a break but you are also giving Ak-Sar-Ben another break. And, you know, we are looking at a crystal ball and we are projecting down the road to 1990, I suppose I can support this, but as far as I am concerned, let's come in and talk about it in 1990. Let's talk about the problem that we have today. Let's leave that issue in there of 1990 just where it is and discuss it then. Our crystal balls aren't that clear. We can't even see from the end of one regular session to the next special session, let alone what is going to happen in 1990. So, you know, if this really means a lot to people, I suppose the votes are there, but there is another lot of computation that goes into who gets what breaks according to this in 1990. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. On the Warner amendment, Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I rise in opposition to Senator Warner's amendment. Senator Warner is, in effect, saying that we will not impose a tax on the first \$20 million of handle. Again, like Senator Hall's amendment, Senator Warner is offering a permanent solution to what I regard and what the Revenue Committee regards and what the public at large I think is regarding as a temporary problem. The temporary problem is that our tracks are faced, are beset with out of state competition and have to make adjustments, and